

October 31, 2004

## Obit: Darlene Raap

- Funeral services for Darlene Raap, 74, of Groton will be 3:00pm, Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Grant Piehl and Mary Hayenga will officiate. Burial will be 10:00am, Monday at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation continues at the church one hour prior to services on Sunday.
- Darlene died October 29, 2004 at Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton after a courageous battle with cancer.
- Darlene was born on June 19, 1930 to Henry and Loretta (Roth) Sturm in Andover. She grew up in Andover and graduated from high school there in 1948. On June 2, 1951, she married Bert Raap in



Hancock, Minnesota. The couple farmed in rural Andover for many years before moving into Groton in May of 1998. Darlene stayed active holding offices in the Andover American Legion Auxiliary, Andover Senior Citizens and its Election Board, Groton Methodist Church, Choir Eventide Club and the Coffee Cup Bowling League. She was employed with the Groton School, working in the lunch program for 15 years. She loved her job and being around the children. Darlene enjoyed going to watch her grandchildren's sporting events.

- She is survived by her husband, Bert; three children, Tamara (George) Eberle of Aberdeen, Trudy (Barry) Smith of Andover; Torre (Denise) Raap of Andover, eight grandchildren, Jody (Brad) Heinemann, Jeff (Missy) Ringgenberg, Ryan (Kandi) Smith, Rene Smith, Whitney Raap, Bryce Raap, Christine Eberle, Michelle Eberle; four great-grandchildren, Mitchell & Zachary Heinemann and Hailey & Jaiden Smith; and one brother, Orville (Olive) Sturm of Hastings, MN.
- Preceding her in death were her parents and step-mother, Addie.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be members of the Coffee Cup Bowling League and staff from Groton High School.
- Casketbearers will be Dale Ringgenberg, Eugene Prunty, Kevin Raap, Dean Sturm, Terry Sturm, Lloyd Greiner, Dick Gooding and Bob Schneider.

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